

to Chad's family and especially his wife, Sherri, and their children, Corbin, Shane, and Amber. The loss of a husband and father is irreplaceable but Chad's memory will always live on in those who loved him.●

TRIBUTE TO JEREMY CHARRON

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of a bright, young police officer wrongfully killed while on duty. Officer Jeremy Charron, 24, of Concord, New Hampshire, was gunned down while checking on a report of a suspicious car during the early morning hours of August 24th.

Officer Charron embodied all that is honorable about our state's law enforcement professionals. His selfless devotion to protecting the lives of innocent New Hampshire citizens enabled him to perform the heroic acts for which he will always be remembered. It is not often that we see such strength, valor, and courage in a person. Jeremy Charron was unique and his family can be proud of his bravery in this tragedy.

Jeremy Charron was an All-American kid, a high school athlete, a natural leader, president of his senior class at Hillsborough-Deering High School, a U.S. Marine and a police officer.

Fulfilling his life long dream, Charron became a police officer for the town of Epsom, New Hampshire, in November, after completing the full-time police academy training and becoming certified as a full-time officer July 11.

Charron also served in the U.S. Marine Corps from July 1992 to June 1996, when he received an honorable discharge.

Born to Robert and Frances Charron, Jeremy leaves brothers Rob, 28, and Andrew, 27, and sisters, Amanda, 21, and Bethany, 12, and his fiancée, April LaRochelle.

Mr. President, the family of Jeremy Charron has suffered a great loss. The people of New Hampshire again have lost another fine officer. It is a time for faith and a time for healing. My prayers and sympathy go out to the families and friends of Officer Charron.●

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—CONFERENCE REPORT ACCOMPANYING H.R. 2378

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, proceed to consideration of the conference report accompanying H.R. 2378, the Treasury-Postal Service appropriations bill. I further ask unanimous consent that the reading be waived and the conference report be limited to the following debate time:

The two managers, 15 minutes each;
Senator MCCAIN, up to 10 minutes;
Senator BROWNBACK, up to 10 minutes;
Senator WELLSTONE, up to 10 minutes.

I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the expiration

of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the adoption of the conference report with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

U.S. DISTRICT COURTS ARBITRATION APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on (S. 996) to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in U.S. district courts.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 996) entitled "An Act to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts.", do pass with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. ARBITRATION IN DISTRICT COURTS.

Section 905 of the Judicial Improvements and Access to Justice Act (28 U.S.C. 651 note) is amended in the first sentence by striking "for each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1997" and inserting "for each fiscal year".

SEC. 2. ENHANCEMENT OF JUDICIAL INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.

Section 103(b)(2) of the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-650; 104 Stat. 5096; 28 U.S.C. 471 note) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(A)" after "(2)";
(2) by striking "sections 471 through 478" and inserting "sections 472, 473, 474, 475, 477, and 478"; and
(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(B) The requirements set forth in section 476 of title 28, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall remain in effect permanently."

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS.

Section 203(c) of the Judicial Improvements Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. 133 note) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and redesignating the succeeding paragraphs accordingly; and
(2) by striking the last 3 sentences and inserting the following: "Except with respect to the western district of Michigan and the eastern district of Pennsylvania, the first vacancy in the office of district judge in each of the judicial districts named in this subsection, occurring 10 years or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created by this subsection, shall not be filled. The first vacancy in the office of district judge in the western district of Michigan, occurring after December 1, 1995, shall not be filled. The first vacancy in the office of district judge in the eastern district of Pennsylvania, occurring 5 years or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created for such district under this subsection, shall not be filled. For districts named in this subsection for which multiple judgeships are created by this Act, the last of those judgeships filled shall be the judgeships created under this section."

SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF FEDERAL COURT JUDGESHIP.

The table contained in section 133(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by amending the item relating to Louisiana to read as follows:

"Louisiana:
"Eastern

"Middle 3
"Western 7".

Amend the title so as to read "An Act to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts, and for other purposes."

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXTENDING CERTAIN PROGRAMS UNDER THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2472, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2472) to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 1270

(Purpose: To extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and for other purposes)

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Senator MURKOWSKI has an amendment at the desk, and I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), for Mr. MURKOWSKI, proposes an amendment numbered 1270.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof:

"SECTION 1. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS.

"The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended—

"(1) in section 166 (42 U.S.C. 6246) by striking for 'fiscal year' and inserting in lieu thereof 'through October 31';

"(2) in section 181 (42 U.S.C. 6251) by striking 'September 30' both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof 'October 31'; and

"(3) in section 281 (42 U.S.C. 6285) by striking 'September 30' both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof 'October 31'."

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1270) was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, as